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As of December 1954, the wartime T/O & E of the Soviet Army calls for a rifle corps of one mechanized division and two rifle divisions. The following is a partial and incomplete organizational breakdown of four of the basic units in a mechanized division: the mechanized regiment, the heavy tank self-propelled regiment, the antiaircraft artillery regiment, and the separate guards rocket launcher battalion.

- 1. Mechanized regiment. A mechanized regiment of a Soviet mechanized division is composed of two motorized rifle battalions (motostrelkovyy batalon), one tank self-propelled (samokhodnyy) battalion, and artillery.
 - a. A motorized rifle battalion of a mechanized regiment has the following components:
 - (1) Two motorized rifle companies, each with three platoons.
 - (2) One MG company, consisting of two platoons.
 - (3) One artillery battery, which has the following:
 - (a) One 57 mm self-mobile (samodvizhuyushchiy) gun platoon with two guns.
 - (b) One recoilless weapons platoon which has six weapons, four 82 mm recoilless weapons and two 107 mm recoilless weapons.
 - (c) One antiaircraft MG platoon equipped with six twin-barrelled 14.5 mm ZPU-2 MGs.
 - (4) One armored amphibious carrier platoon which is equipped with 13 armored amphibious carriers.

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- b. The tank self-propelled battalion of the mechanized regiment consists of:
- (1) Two tank companies, each of which has three platoons; each platoon is equipped with five T-54 tanks. In addition, the battalion command has two tanks, and each company commander has one tank. There are, therefore, 34 tanks in this battalion.
 - (2) One 122 mm self-propelled artillery (samokhodno-artilleriyskaya ustanovka--SAU) company which is equipped with 11 SAU-122 guns.
- c. The regimental artillery of a mechanized regiment has the following units:
- (1) One 85 mm self-propelled artillery battery of two platoons, with three guns per platoon.
 - (2) One 120 mm mortar battery of two platoons, with three mortars per platoon.
 - (3) One AAA MG battalion (divizion) which has the following:
 - (a) One self-propelled (zenitno-samokhodnaya ustanovka-ZSU) 57 mm AA gun battery of two platoons, equipped with three ZSU-57 guns per platoon.
 - (b) One AA machine gun (zenitno-pulemëtnaya ustanovka-ZPU) battery of two platoons, with three ZPU-4 MGs per platoon.

2. Heavy tank self-propelled regiment (TTSP). The heavy tank self-propelled regiment of a Soviet mechanized division has the following units:

- a. Two heavy tank battalions, each of which has three companies with two platoons per company. Forty-six T-10 tanks are distributed in the TTSP as follows:

Twelve platoons, each with three tanks	36
Regimental command	2
Battalion command, one per battalion	2
Six company commanders, one for each company commander	6

- b. One heavy self-propelled battalion with three companies; each company has two platoons, equipped with three 152 mm self-propelled weapons (samokhodno-artilleriyskaya ustanovka--SAU) per platoon. There are 22 SAU-152 mm guns in the battalion:

Six platoons, with three weapons per platoon	18
Battalion commander, one weapon	1
Three company commanders, one weapon for each	3

- c. Motorized rifle company with two platoons.
- d. Self-propelled AAA battery with two platoons, each platoon equipped with three 57 mm AA guns.

3. Antiaircraft artillery regiment. The antiaircraft artillery regiment of a Soviet mechanized division consists of the following units:

- a. Two 85 mm AAA batteries, each with two firing platoons; each platoon is equipped with three weapons, making a total of 12 guns.

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- b. One machine gun section (pulemëtnoye otdeleniye) with one ZPU-4.
 - c. Two 57 mm AAA batteries, each with three firing platoons; each platoon has four weapons, making a total of 24 guns.
4. Separate guards rocket launcher battalion (otdelnyy gvardeyskiy minomëtnyy divizion). This battalion in a Soviet mechanized division has two BM-14 (boyevaya mashina) batteries, each with six BM-14s, for a total of 12.

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